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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: A. Amari
TAKEHIKO NAKAI	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2872
Application No.: 09/866,587	)	
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Filed: May 30, 2001	)	
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For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT	)	October 20, 2004
AND OPTICAL SYSTEM HAVING	:	
THE SAME	)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to  
amend the above-identified application as follows: